



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5463**

LCO No. 5559

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING HARBOR MASTERS AND NO-WAKE ZONES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 15-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Governor shall appoint a harbor master, and may appoint a  
4 deputy harbor master, for each of the harbors of New Haven, Norwich,  
5 Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, Stonington, New London and  
6 Branford, and may appoint a suitable number of harbor masters and  
7 deputy harbor masters in any town in this state which has navigable  
8 waters within its limits, provided the appointment of a harbor master  
9 or deputy harbor master for the harbor of any municipality which has  
10 adopted a harbor management plan, pursuant to chapter 444a, shall be  
11 made by the Governor from a list of not less than three nominees  
12 submitted by the municipality's harbor management commission.  
13 Appointments shall be for terms of three years from July first in the  
14 year of the appointment and until a successor is appointed and  
15 qualified except the term of office of any person appointed before or  
16 after July first in any year to a newly created office of harbor master or  
17 deputy harbor master shall begin on the day of the appointment and

18 expire on July first next succeeding the completion of the person's  
 19 third full year in office. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for  
 20 the remainder of the term of the original appointee and until a  
 21 successor is appointed and qualified. Harbor masters shall have the  
 22 general care and supervision of the harbors and navigable waterways  
 23 over which they have jurisdiction, subject to the direction and control  
 24 of the Commissioner of Transportation, and shall be responsible to the  
 25 commissioner for the safe and efficient operation of such harbors and  
 26 navigable waterways in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.  
 27 A harbor master appointed pursuant to this section may cite an  
 28 operator of a vessel for operating a vessel at a speed in excess of slow-  
 29 no-wake in violation of regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
 30 Environmental Protection pursuant to chapter 268. The harbor masters  
 31 or deputy harbor masters shall exercise their duties in a manner  
 32 consistent with any harbor management plan adopted pursuant to  
 33 section 22a-113m for a harbor over which they have jurisdiction. The  
 34 commissioner may delegate any of his powers and duties under this  
 35 chapter to such harbor masters or to any existing board of harbor  
 36 commissioners, but shall at all times be vested with responsibility for  
 37 the overall supervision of the harbors and navigable waterways of the  
 38 state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-1
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow harbor masters to enforce no-wake zones.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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